

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 5-15 have been canceled, without prejudice.

I. **INDICATED ALLOWABILITY OF CLAIMS 1-4**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-4 are allowed.

II. **TRAVERSAL OF ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant has canceled Claims 5-8, 15 (Group II) and Claims 9-14 (Group III), and as such, does not traverse the restriction requirement of Claims 5-15 with respect to the remaining Claims 1-4 and 16-20.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction of Claims 1-4 and 16-20 into the two groups - Group I (Claims 1-4) and Group IV (Claims 16-20). The Office Action argues that Group I and Group IV are unrelated because Group I does not require removing the second material in Group IV (See, Office Action, page 2).

Claim 1 (Group I) recites three main steps: (1) assembling to form an assembly, (2) over-molding the assembly with a first material, and (3) removing a portion of the first material. Similarly, Claim 16 (Group IV) recites (1) assembling a terminal assembly, the assembly comprising a first material, (2) over-molding the terminal assembly with a second material, and (3) removing a portion of the second material. As such, in both claims, the material that is used to over-mold the

assembly is also the material removed (a portion) in the removing step. The use of the term “second material” in Claim 16 is merely to distinguish that particular material from the “first material” of the assembly. Claim 1 does not refer to any material of the assembly, thus the overmolded material, i.e., the “first material”, is the material acted upon in the removing step. Thus, Claims 1 and 16 are substantially similar and are both drawn to forming a lead.

III. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED NOVEMBER 18, 2004

Applicant submitted an IDS on November 18, 2004. The outstanding office action does not appear to include a copy of PTO Form 1449 showing the submitted information was considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed form with the next office action showing that the information was considered.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the election/restriction requirement for Claims 1-4 and 16-20 and examination and allowance of Claims 16-20.

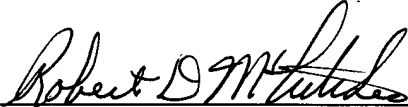
If any issue arises, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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